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KEY THEMES

- Karnataka Sustainable Data Centre Policy 2026-31 targets 1 GW IT load by 2031
- Google/esVolta pilot shifted 9.2 GWh via hourly Granular Certificates in Texas
- esVolta Anole 240 MW/480 MWh and Burksol 100 MW/200 MWh in Google pilot
- HEG Replus wins Rs 217.56 crore Indus Towers telecom battery order

Karnataka's Sustainable Data Centre Policy 2026-31 sets a 1 GW target for 2031

Karnataka notified its Sustainable Data Centre Policy 2026-31 through official state channels, and the Chief Minister's Office frames it as a bid to build environmentally sustainable digital infrastructure. An official Chief Minister page confirms the state announced the Sustainable Data Centre Policy 2026-31, aimed at "environmentally sustainable digital infrastructure supported by land, power, water, connectivity and policy support." The Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T carries a matching government-order entry, order number 31 ADM 2026. The policy targets 1 GW of cumulative data centre IT load by 2031, a large step for a market centered on Bengaluru.

- Karnataka notifies Sustainable Data Centre Policy 2026-31 – The Chief Minister's Office frames the policy around land, power, water, and connectivity, with a 1 GW IT-load target by 2031.
- Department of IT lists the Data Center Policy government order – The Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T hosts the policy as order number 31 ADM 2026, confirming the notifying agency.
- Google/esVolta/Quintrace/LevelTen battery pilot posts results – The Google-sponsored pilot shifted 9.2 GWh over three months using hourly Granular Certificates verified against the EnergyTag standard.
- esVolta contributes Anole and Burksol projects to the pilot – Anole rates 240 MW / 480 MWh and Burksol 100 MW / 200 MWh; Google time-shifted environmental attributes it already owned without merchant or dispatch risk.
- HEG's Replus wins Rs 217.56 crore Indus Towers battery order – The lithium-ion battery-bank supply for telecom towers runs to March 31, 2027; a revised NSE filing corrected the omitted "Crore" unit.

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